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March 24, 2000

Dear General Counsel;

There is a contested primary in my congressional district at this time (12th district of NJ). I recently received two pieces of US mail that I found disturbing. They appeared to come from "third parties". The first letter is from a Brian M. Nelson of Plainsboro NJ and the second letter is from a Patricia Reilly who did not include a return address. I do not know either of these people. Both these letters call Mike Pappas a "negative campaigner" and advocate a vote for Dick Zimmer, Pappas's opponent in the 12th district Republican congressional primary. They are very similar in both style and substance but neither of these letters say that they are from or financed by the Dick Zimmer for Congress campaign. Further, both envelopes are addressed in an identical fashion to:

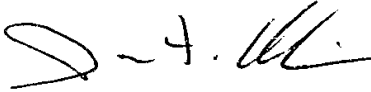
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Both letters have "berry" series (i.e. blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, etc...) stamps. The Post Office tells me that these stamps are only available as a mixed sheet (some of each kind of berry). It seems a little unusual to receive two similar letters, with the same style of address, with the same odd series of stamp, with the same postmark (Trenton, NJ) postmarked just one day apart. It would be odd indeed, unless of course, these letters were sent by the same organization.

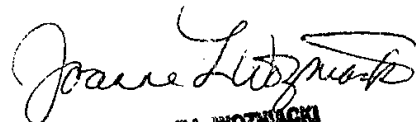
I have also received a letter from Dick Zimmer's campaign that says "paid for by ZIMMER 2000, INC" at the bottom. This letter's envelope also has a "berry" series stamp, and was also postmarked in Trenton, NJ. I have included Xerox copies of all three letters and their envelopes.

Another odd thing is, that all three letters seem to have been printed on the same printer. There is a "shadow" of the printed text at the bottom of all three letters - they look like the work of the same machine. These letters have gone out all over the county and have disturbed a number of my friends; they are also a concern to me. Doesn't the Zimmer campaign have to identify itself on all these letters if in fact they had a hand in sending them out? Isn't Zimmer breaking the law? I would like you to look into this matter.

Thank you,

  
James F. Klein, Complainant  
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*Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 24th day  
of March 2000*

  
JOANNE L. WOZNIAK  
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NJ  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

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FEDERAL ELECTION  
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## *Patricia Reilly*

Dear Fellow Republican:

As a first time delegate for the Middlesex County Republican convention, I was excited to have the opportunity to become more involved with the political process. Unfortunately, my excitement has turned to dismay due to some of the mail I have received lately.

I was undecided about whom to vote for in the congressional race -- until I got Mr Pappas' letter about Dick Zimmer. I will never vote for someone who makes personal attacks -- particularly when they are not accurate.

I am familiar with Dick Zimmer's record and consider him to be a decent and honorable man. I had hoped Mike Pappas was as well. We as Republicans cannot afford to nominate a candidate for any office who will resort to negative campaigns

I was willing to look past Pappas' singing of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Kenneth Star" - even knowing that Rush Holt will not hesitate to exploit that issue if he were to face Mr. Pappas again. But I cannot look past unsubstantiated negative attacks which are flatly untrue. We all know Dick Zimmer was one of the most fiscally responsible members of Congress.

As delegates, we do not have to put up with these negative campaign tactics. We can put a stop to it on March 25. We can vote for Dick Zimmer. I now know I will and I hope you will join me in doing so.

Sincerely,



Pat Reilly

BRIAN M. NELSON

March 20, 2000

Dear Convention Delegate:

As a former intern for Mike Pappas, I was upset to learn that his campaign has resorted to using negative tactics against a fellow Republican. I recently received a copy of a mailing from Mike's campaign filled with misleading and distorted facts about Dick Zimmer's record, this is no way to run against a fellow Republican.

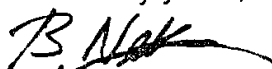
Ronald Reagan was right when he said the Republican Party's eleventh commandment is, "Thou shalt no speak ill of another Republican." Reagan knew that negative campaign tactics will only help our Democrat opponents in November.

Dick Zimmer's record is second to none. Dick Zimmer was repeatedly ranked the most fiscally responsible member of the entire Congress by several taxpayer organizations. Dick Zimmer continually fought to balance the budget, reduce spending and lower taxes. Dick Zimmer led the fight against Jim Florio's massive tax increase, and it was Zimmer who was a major proponent of Christie Whitman's 30% tax cut. To compare Zimmer to Rush Holt on taxes and other issues is outrageous.

It is because of his record that Dick Zimmer won the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District each time he ran with at least 64% of the vote. In 1994, he received 68% of the vote. A poll taken by the Republican National Campaign Committee shows Zimmer easily wins the primary and is the only one who can beat Rush Holt.

We need the best candidate to beat Rush Holt. Like many of you I had to make a difficult choice among friends, and I decided that Dick Zimmer is the best candidate to beat Rush Holt in November. I urge you to join me in voting for Dick Zimmer.

Sincerely yours,



Brian M. Nelson

# **ZIMMER**

## **2000**

March 20, 2000

Dear Friend:

On Wednesday, April 5, 2000, I will be having a campaign "Kick-Off Reception" at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. The event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and our special guest for the evening is Governor Christie Whitman.

I would like to offer you and a guest a complimentary ticket as thanks for all your hard work on my behalf. It is shaping up to be an exciting evening and I hope you will be able to attend.

If there is anyone from your municipality who would also like to attend, please feel free to call me at my campaign headquarters at (609) 912-0984. I look forward to seeing you on April 5.

Sincerely,



Dick Zimmer

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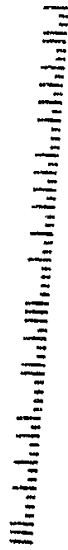
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